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SurveyLA's Asian American Historic Context Statement

The City of Los Angeles Office of Historic Resources (OHR) has been awarded a \$72,000 Underrepresented Communities Grant from the National Park Service (NPS) for SurveyLA's Asian American Historic Context Statement. The project will establish historic contexts that will guide the future identification and designation of sites significant for five Los Angeles' Asian American communities.

The development of context is currently being developed with input from a diverse advisory committee, convened by the OHR. A team of historic resources consultants, led by Architectural Resources Group (ARG), is preparing the context statements which will result in the submittal of a National Register of Historic Places Multiple Property Documentation Form and will identify themes and related historic resources associated with the City's Japanese, Filipino, Thai, Korean, and Chinese American communities.

Geographically, the contexts will cover the history and development of five Los Angeles neighborhoods that have previously been designated as "Preserve America" communities (Little Tokyo, Thai Town, Historic Filipinotown, and Koreatown, and Chinatown), but will also focus on other areas of the city in which these groups settled over time. Topics will be drawn from SurveyLA's citywide historic context statement and will focus on extant resources associated with important individuals, organizations, businesses, industries, and movements. Themes to be addressed include: Social Clubs and Organizations, Religion and Spirituality, Cultural Development and Institutions, Commercial Development, Civil Rights and Civil Liberties, Deed Restriction and Segregation, and Labor History.

The OHR invites members of the public to participate in a series of community meetings that will be taking place March through May, 2017. The meetings will provide an overview presentation of the project and an opportunity to share information regarding significant places, people, dates, and events associated with Los Angeles' Asian American history.

For a list of meetings by date and further details, please visit the following webpage:

<http://preservation.lacity.org/news/community-meetings-surveyla-asian-american-contexts>

If you have questions, have information to contribute, and/or would like to be added to the contact list for either of these projects, please contact Sara Delgadillo Cruz at sara.cruz@lacity.org or (213) 978-1189.